

# MILLIONS Be Saved To Kentucky

## The Appoint- Of Adequate Counsel

Goebel Makes  
Appeal for Pro-  
tection To People's In-  
terests

Letter He Asks That  
Lawyers Known To Be  
Loyal To the Cause Of the  
People and Free From Cor-  
ruption Taint Be Employed  
in Suits Against Tax-  
ing Corporations

### OPEN LETTER.

Frankfort and Covington, Ky.,  
October 31st, 1912.

Excellency, Governor James B. Ray: To all Administrative and Executive Officers of the State and Citizens of the Commonwealth interested in equal and uni-

formity of taxation:

My friends to be brave and loyal to the great com-  
monwealth.

Just words of my assassinated  
brother, William Goebel, have a sacred  
place to me and when in Sep-  
tember, 1909, I again commenced to  
take active interest in our State's  
affairs, it was not to gain political fa-  
vor, there is no office I would  
hold if it was with hope and con-  
fidence that my work would, during  
the administration of the present state  
administration, open up an opportunity  
for me to take up William Goebel's  
work, the assassin's bullet had  
killed it, and in that event every  
effort of our government would  
be by voice and action most  
vigorous and loyal support.

### Relief Must Come.

My friends, the interest of  
the people has grown as years have  
passed, until it has developed into what  
is a crying shame and from  
which relief must come.

Long, altogether too long, has  
been unjust discrimination  
against the people, unjust and burden-  
some taxation upon the people, as  
well as what has been required  
of the big corporations of  
the State. Corporation lawyers have  
said the death of William  
Goebel was a benefit to the corpora-  
tions. If this was true, the question  
is, how much longer shall the people  
be held in bondage because of his  
death?

God knows the corporations now  
suing the State have been able to pro-  
cure (and the word procure is used  
advisedly) immunity long enough from  
paying their just share of the taxes.

A hundred million dollar increase  
in the value of corporation property  
for taxation opens a new era in the  
State's affairs, and has awakened the  
people, and brought them to a realiza-  
tion of what has been done to them,  
and there will be a further awaken-  
ing, which will correct abuses equally  
as great as unequal taxation. A true  
awakening of the people has come,  
and henceforth every man who would  
hold office must be a progressive, and  
no imitation will satisfy them; they  
will sweep aside and into oblivion as  
old chaff any man who hesitates or  
dares stand in the way of betterment  
of conditions and improvement in ev-  
ery way for the whole people.

### Gross Undervaluation.

No one doubts, had William Goebel  
been permitted to live, that which  
was done last month by the Board of  
Valuation and Assessment would have  
been done more than a decade ago,  
and, today, instead of the large cor-  
porations bringing in the courts and  
by sinister methods, endeavoring to  
thwart the action of this  
Board, the first to act fully  
in the interest of the people, they  
would have been paying into  
the State treasury and city treasuries  
their just proportion of taxes.

A very evident fact in Ken-  
tucky, as in other States, big corpora-  
tions will never pay a cent more of  
taxes than they are made to pay.

Take the case of the C. & O. R. R.  
In 1911 this road, on its entire sys-  
tem in Kentucky, paid taxes on a val-  
uation of only \$9,513,270, where-  
as the street railway company of the  
Louisville was made to pay on a  
valuation of \$10,30,000. The C. & O.  
R. R. in 1902 paid taxes on a val-  
uation of only \$2,171,159, and in  
1911 on a valuation of only \$4,748,



JUSTUS GOEBEL. GOV. J. B. MCCREARY.  
Kentucky Delegates From State at Large to DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, JUNE, 1912.

350, whereas the Board found their  
1912 assessment should be \$18,798,630.  
The C. & O. & T. P. R. R. in 1901  
paid taxes on a franchise valuation  
of only \$3,110,197, and in 1911 on a  
valuation of only \$3,559,320, whereas  
the Board found their 1912 assessment  
should be \$10,674,200. The I. C. in  
1901 paid taxes on a franchise valua-  
tion of only \$1,989,870, and in 1911 on  
a valuation of only \$4,510,320, where-  
as the Board found their 1912 assess-  
ment should be \$14,748,857. The L. &  
N. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a fran-  
chise valuation of only \$6,504,879, and  
in 1911 on a valuation of only \$11,  
899,200, whereas the Board found their  
1912 assessment should be \$45,  
428,074.

The Covington companies in the  
past paid as little, proportionately, as  
did most of the above mentioned com-  
panies, and without exception all  
these companies and the two others  
suing wanted the same assessments for  
1912 that they had in 1911. The  
Board of Valuation and Assessment  
based their 1912 assessments on con-  
vincing proof of values placed before  
them, and the assessments are uni-  
formly just and fair, and of the more  
than four hundred corporations as-  
sessed, only seven have protested in  
the courts, and these are among those  
that have always proportionately paid  
the least.

In the last twelve years the State,  
counties and cities have been robbed,  
and the word robbed is the only word  
that fits the case, of more than ten mil-  
lion dollars in taxes.

In the years from 1902 to 1911, in-  
clusive, a period of ten years, there  
has been an average increase in the  
franchise assessments of the four large  
railroads of the State of only 1 1/4  
per cent yearly, and this almost un-  
believable record of astonishingly  
small increases was made in the ten  
best years for earnings that the rail-  
roads of this country ever saw.

The picture here presented of the  
previous inadequate franchise assess-  
ments is astounding, but when one ex-  
amines into the situation regarding the  
tangible assessments made by Rail-  
road Commissions of the properties of  
six of the corporations now suing the  
State, the word "astounding" is inade-  
quate and must be here supplanted by  
the word "dumfounding" to state more  
correctly what the tangible assess-  
ment picture actually presents.

### Work is Delayed a Decade.

Take the case of the C. & O. R. R.  
and the records show that the tangible  
property of this company in 1892,  
twenty years ago, was assessed at  
\$8,019,577. In 1911 notwithstanding  
the extensions made in mileage of  
road, double tracking of a vast system,  
acquiring much new real estate and  
probably more than doubling their  
equipment of engines and cars this  
company's tangible property was as-  
sessed at only \$6,270,270, or 21 1/2 per  
cent less than in 1892, twenty years  
ago.

In 1892 the market price of C. & O.  
stock was around 11 cents, and today  
the stock of this company is selling  
at \$15 cents, and the capital stock  
has been increased to one hundred  
million dollars. Further comment to  
show that our state has been robbed  
is unnecessary. The tangible property  
of the C. & O. & T. P. R. R. was as-  
sessed in 1911 for less than it was  
assessed in 1900, and but little more than  
in 1890, notwithstanding the great im-  
provements made by the company.  
The other railroads have been similar-  
ly inadequately assessed on their tan-  
gible property for many years.

In May, 1910, a prominent official  
of one of the companies suing, stated  
that the special interests had in years past  
controlled the state's taxing boards,  
and the records apparently prove he  
told the truth in that instance. He  
also stated that he would control the  
present Board of Valuation and As-  
sessment, but in this he has proven an  
ignominious failure.

### Board Acts For People.

To date the people have won, and the  
Board of Valuation and Assessment,  
consisting of Henry M. Bosworth  
chairman; Tom S. Rhea and C. F.  
Crookshank, has finished its work for  
1912, and, thank God, for once it has  
acted in the interest of the people.

Until this year the Board of Val-  
uation and Assessment has been con-  
trolled in the interest of the cor-  
porations by some hook or crook or  
friendship, political favor

or to be rendered, bribery or intimi-  
dation, but never before has the state,  
county or city been given what it was  
rightfully entitled to.

The eight suits that have been  
brought against the state must be  
fought through all federal and state  
courts, and are of vital importance to  
our people. They involve for the state  
\$382,389, and for the county and city  
taxing districts \$23,396, or a total,  
annually, of \$1,205,785.

The railroad companies, realizing  
the magnitude of this fight and an-  
xious to win out, not alone from a finan-  
cial standpoint, but to prevent the  
great public denunciation that is  
bound to come in the wake of a vic-  
tory for the state, are calling up the  
wonderful array of legal talent that is  
at their command through the power  
and influence that comes of the tremen-  
dous suing wanted the same assessments for  
1912 that they had in 1911. The  
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that have always proportionately paid  
the least.

### Among

are already  
defense  
Trabue,  
the Illinois  
Galvin & G.  
Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pa-  
cific Railroad Company; John T. Shel-  
by & Son, of Lexington, for the Ches-  
apeake & Ohio Railroad Company; Col.  
Henry L. Stone, Helm Bruce, C. H.  
Moorman, R. A. Colston, of Louisville,  
and Browder & Browder, of Russell-  
ville, for the Louisville & Nashville  
Railroad Company; Beckham & Mc-  
Quown, of Frankfort, and Ernst, Cas-  
satt & Cottle, of Cincinnati, for the  
South Covington & Cincinnati Street  
Railway Company and the Union  
Light, Heat and Power Company; Max-  
well, Ramsey & Graydon, of Cincinnati,  
for the Adams Express Company and  
for the Southern Express Company.

In addition to this galaxy of legal  
talent, the suing corporations have a  
vast army of busy workers who never  
appear in the limelight or in the court-  
room, and they may be described as  
research lawyers, accountants and  
statisticians, who are a mighty sup-  
portive element to the men who will  
present the cases and make the pleas  
and arguments.

Without detracting one iota from  
the splendid ability and known loyalty  
to the state's interests possessed by  
the attorney general, James Garnett,  
and his three assistants, the common-  
wealth's legal force, as compared with  
that of the corporations, must seem  
inadequate, indeed; and when it is  
taken into consideration that the at-  
torney general's office has a multi-  
plicity of cases and matters of state  
to fully employ their attention, and  
that the present situation comes in  
the nature of an emergency unfore-  
seen and unprecedented in the state's  
history, the urgent necessity for the  
employment of other able lawyers as  
a supportive force to the attorney gen-  
eral becomes quite apparent.

Ability, known loyalty to the cause,  
and assured freedom from corporation  
taint should be the gauge to govern  
in the selection of attorneys to assist  
in the defense of the state's interests.

### Justus Goebel's Interest.

My interest in the work just com-  
pleted by the board was, and is, dif-  
ferent from, and greater than, that of  
any man in Kentucky or elsewhere—  
even though he may have been con-  
nected with the work. Love of my  
state and love for and memory of my  
assassinated brother, whose brain  
worked constructed and whose blood  
stained the statutes which made it  
possible to do what the Board of Val-  
uation and Assessment has just com-  
pleted, have compelled me to the ser-  
vice I have rendered in the matter, and  
without official duty resting on me, I  
have given untiringly and almost con-  
stantly more than five months of time,  
energy and study to these assessments  
in the interest of the state and its peo-  
ple, to the exclusion of every other  
interest—business and personal.

Therefore, with such an interest and  
with the knowledge that I have gain-  
ed through my labors, I feel that I am  
qualified, amply qualified, to make an  
appeal, in the name of the 400,000 tax-  
payers of the state who furnish seven-  
eighths of the revenue for the state's  
government, and who for many years  
have withstood the burden of unequal  
taxation, to the administrative and  
legislative officers of the state to sup-  
port the governor with unlimited

means for the necessary defense of  
the people's interest and cases.

There are men who have said in  
places that in the employment of At-  
torney John L. Rich the state had gone  
far enough, but to such men I would  
say, "Is your only interest the welfare  
of the people, and have you proven  
that there is no other interest that is  
greater with you than the people's in-  
terest?"

### Every Citizen Interested.

We have been, and are, dealing in  
this with a matter which is vital to  
and affects the comforts of every  
home, no matter how humble, and the  
pocketbook of every taxpayer in the  
commonwealth, be he laborer, me-  
chanic, farmer, merchant or of any  
other rank or station. All have their  
interest in what we have been fight-  
ing for—more nearly equal taxation  
and relief from corporation oppression.

The question is, shall the cause of  
our taxpayers be defended at the bar  
of justice by an array of counsel of  
the correct standard and in keeping  
with the greatness and importance of  
these cases, which involve, not only  
\$1,205,785 this year, but millions upon  
millions in years to come, and if the  
assessments are upheld, mean to this  
generation and generations yet unborn  
in Kentucky, lesser tax to pay, and to  
the state adequate revenue for every  
purpose of government, economically  
conducted.

"Most respectfully yours,  
"JUSTUS GOEBEL"

There is more Catarrh in this section of  
the country than all other diseases put  
together, and until the last few years  
was supposed to be incurable. For a great  
many years Catarrh has been treated by  
local remedies, and by constantly failing to  
cure with local treatment, has become a  
constitutional disease, and therefore requires  
constitutional treatment. Dr. J. C. Cheney &  
Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitu-  
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ternally in the form of a small, but a ter-  
rific, medicine. It acts directly on the blood  
and mucous surfaces of the system. They  
are one hundred of them for any case of  
Catarrh. Send for circulars and test-  
imonials.

J. C. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Remedies, T. C.  
Life's Family Pills for constipation.

### Deeds Recorded.

Cruce to J. F. Dorroh,  
\$900.  
Turley to J. J. James  
120 acres \$500.  
J. H. Grissom to J. M. Conger  
72 acres \$275.  
Estelle Carnahan to H. D. Pol-  
lard lot in O'Bryan's addition to

Marion, \$800.

Linnie M. Heath to Claud M.  
Truitt int. in real estate \$20 and  
other considerations.

A. Hearrell to T. J. Stone 43  
3-4 acres on Deer Creek \$220.

T. J. Stone to A. B. McMas-  
ter tract of land \$50.

A. Hearrell to A. B. McMas-  
ter 4 acres on Deer Creek \$184.

Sarah E. Jacobs to Jas. A.  
Mahan 100 acres on Claylick  
Creek \$550.

C. J. Pierce to Jessie Olive 6  
lots in Mound Park addition to  
Marion, \$585.

Dunlap Wakefield to Q. M.  
Conyer & C. C. Taylor lot in  
Fairview addition to Marion \$150

J. P. Hunt to C. A. Walker  
136 3-4 acres on Claylick Creek,  
\$2500.

J. M. Grimes to M. C. Pogue  
three-fourths of an acre in Fran-  
ces \$400.

R. E. Holloman to Geo. H. Fes-  
ter exchange of land.

Jno. D. Worley, to R. A. La-  
Rue house and lot in Marion \$800.

Charlie Harmon to H. Levy  
Cook lot in Marion \$300.

Thos. J. Hoover to J. J. Boyd  
one half int in land \$150.

A. G. Baird to J. F. Dorroh 32  
acres \$800.

A. B. McMaster to C. W.  
Stone 3 tracts, \$725.

H. J. Lynn to J. J. Boyd tract  
of land 62 2-5 less 31 2-5 acres  
\$325.

John E. Pilant to Morton's  
Bank & Trust Co. 287 1-2 acres  
on Livingston Creek \$1.00 and  
other considerations.

### Asthma! Asthma!

POPHAM'S ASTHMA REMEDY.

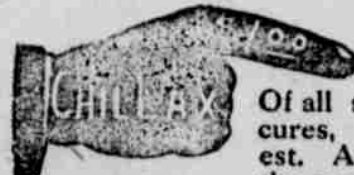
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and Hay Fever. Sold by druggists;  
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Purifies the Blood, Cleanses the Liver,  
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Increases the appetite. For Catarrh,  
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Pains in the Back, and all Blood diseases from any cause.



### For Chills & Fever

Of all scientific Chills, Malaria and Ague  
cures, "CHILL-LAX" is the world's great-  
est. Absolutely sure, safe and harmless to  
the person taking it, yet so extremely fatal  
to the malaria germ that in most cases it drives the poison  
entirely out of the system in 3 days. A Mild Family Laxative



### The New Discovery

For RHEUMATISM and GOUT, deep-  
seated and apparently hopeless cases, any  
age or condition. Used by Specialists in  
every quarter of the Globe. Pleasant to take  
Don't waste time with compounds, cure-alls and liniments



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For Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases,  
which, if neglected, often leads to Bright's  
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KIDNEY FLUSH, (For Chills, Malaria, Fever, Ague) \$1.00  
666, (The Great RHEUMATISM REMEDY) \$2.00  
KIDNEY FLUSH, (Kidney and Bladder Diseases) \$1.00  
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## THIRTY VOLCANOS IN AC- TION ON ISLAND NINAFUON.

Bottom of Lake Reported To Have  
Fallen Two Feet From Orig-  
inal Level.

Sidney N. S. W., Oct. 31—  
Thirty volcanoes are in eruption  
on the Island of Ninafuon in the  
Tongan group and many re-  
markable changes in the phys-  
ical features of the island have  
resulted. A large lake in the  
center of the island has dropped  
two feet from its original level,  
according to reports received  
here.

The Kentucky Medical Associ-  
ation which convened at Louis-  
ville closing Oct. 31, elected Dr.  
T. E. Frazier of Marion, Orator  
in surgery for the next meeting  
of the Association which will be  
held at Bowling Green.

Mr. Heath, the contractor for  
the new church is working fif-  
teen men.—Sturgis News  
Democrat.